

Welcome Our Visitors

**We are excited that you have joined us for worship.
We pray that God will bless you and unite us in praise.
Please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew
pocket and place it in the offering plate.**

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the doors to the left and right of the choir loft.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Just ask an usher.

Nursery is provided downstairs (use the right door by the organ) during Sunday School and Worship for ages birth to five years.

Weekly Growth in Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. One adult class is located through the door to the right of the choir loft. Turn right, go down the hall, second door on the left. The other is downstairs in the room next to the kitchen. K-2nd grade children meet downstairs in the back room to the left off the social hall. 3rd-5th grade children meet in the room to the right off the social hall.

UM Youth Fellowship, ages 12-18, meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Lawrence Chapel UMC fellowship hall.

Choir Practice is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Bible Study meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 203 Joseph Street, Central

Prayer List Terri Lee, The Family of Bill Clayton, The Family of Frances Snipes, Wayne Kristie, Greg & Sheila and Lance, Sybil Miller, Darryl Guffey, Rebecca Carson, Charlie Glover, Terry Handegan, Maude Todd, Carrie Bolt, Grace Shirley, Gerry Smith. Dillon Lollis, Debi Culler, Elizabeth Martel, Neil Florio, Anne Lewis, Nancy Wilkinson, John Marshall, Kay Barrett, Amy Hunter, Tommy Barker, Les Neville, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Grannan. Gary Arney.



Homebound: Bobby Garrett, Golda Noblitt, Robert Arrowwood, and Frances Reid

Missionaries: Kat Laun

Active military service: John Holmes – Ft. Bliss; Alex Martin – Virginia; Amanda Chivers Nebraska; Chris Trumbower, Josh Trumbower – Ft. Hood; Derek McDonald, Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – England; John Youngblood, Jr. – Alaska; Wayne Smith

Please leave a message in the offering plate for those that need to be *added* or *removed* from the prayer list.

Phone directories can be found on the credenza at the back of the church.

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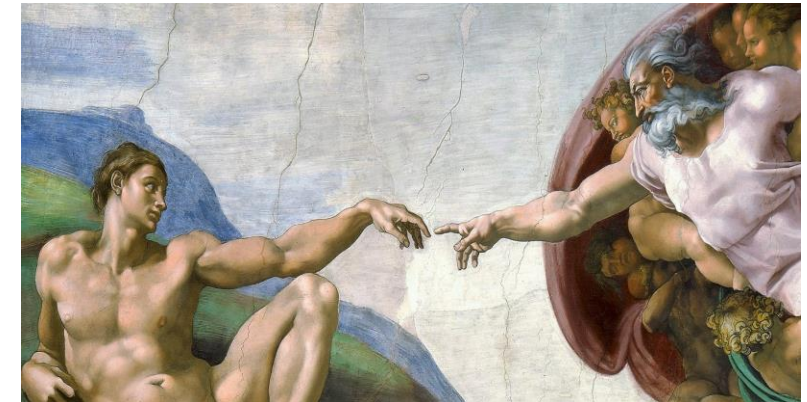
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MOUNT ZION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2018

Rev. Gene Aiken, Pastor
Mrs. Lynn Martin, Lay Leader
Mr. Malek McDuffie, Choir Director
Mr. Jack Russell, Pianist

*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."
Psalm 125:1*

Order of Worship

*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

~ GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND ENTRY OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE....."God of Grace and God of Glory"Hymnal 577

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GATHERING SONG....." This is the Day".....Hymn 657

~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 22:23-31Hymnal 752

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostle's Creed.....Hymnal 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Children May Come to the Altar

LORD'S PRAYER.....Hymnal 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN....."Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling".....Hymnal 348

~ THANKSGIVING ~

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SERMON READING.....Ephesians 2:4-10.....NRSV 157

SERMON

"Who Left this Mess?"

~ SENDING ~

* CLOSING HYMN.....'It's Me, It's Me O, Lord"Hymnal 352
(All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Church Council Meeting of the year today **Sunday Feb 25th** at 4:00p.m.

The **Beverly Smith Guild** will meet at the home of Karen Martin in Wednesday **March 7 at 7:00**. Please join us if you are interested in an evening fellowship and service opportunity. All ladies if the church are welcomed.

Memorials have been given to the church in memory of Frances Snipes by: Ann K Wilbanks, Flo S Von Rosenberg & Karen VR Holtzer, Leonard P. Diorio & Teresa E. Diorio Dick & Helen Singleton.

Memorials have been given to the church in memory of Bill Clayton by: Edward & Karen Martin, Trent & Ginger Allen, Scott & Karen Smith, Dick & Helen Singleton.

Clemson Community Care has a shortage of the following food items: juice, powdered milk, 2lb bags of flour, dried beans, tomato sauce and tomato paste. We appreciate all food donations and are grateful for your support.